

## **REMARKS**

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 6, 2006, Applicant has studied the Examiner's comments and the cited art. Claims 1-47 were pending. Claims 1, 2, 5, 10-14, 21-44, 46 and 47 have been amended. Claims 15-20 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 48-58 have been added. Following entry of this Amendment, claims 1-14 and 21-58 remain pending. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

### **Amendments to Existing Claims**

Applicant has cancelled claims 15-20 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to seek allowance of cancelled claims 15-20 in a divisional application from U.S. Serial No. 10/807,091 filed March 23, 2004, which claims priority from U.S. Patent No. 6,263,982.

Applicant has also amended claims 1, 2, 5, 10-14, 21-44, 46 and 47 to provide transition phrases and make other indicated additions and deletions.

### **New Claims**

Applicant has also added "New" claims 48 to 58 to provide a varied scope of coverage to which Applicant is entitled. Claims 48 to 58 are similar to claims 1-10 and 13 filed in the 2006 British Patent Application No. 0607617.8, that is derived from Application No. PCT/EP04/052167 that, in turn, claims priority from the present application.

## **CONCLUSION**

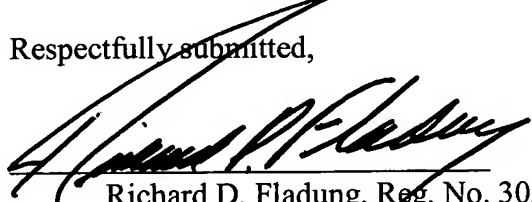
Applicant respectfully submits that all issues and rejections have been adequately addressed, that all claims are allowable, and that the case should be advanced to issuance.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims, Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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